

## THE TRAIL OF J. P. MORGAN

Found in the Rate Increase  
Hearing

### MR. PERKINS' INFLUENCE

On Shippers—The Agent Advocated a  
General Raise—Furniture Men Were  
Willing to Agree to  
This.

Washington, Nov. 23.—It developed at the hearing before the interstate commerce commission yesterday, on the efforts of the railroads to effect an increase of freight rates in official classification territory, that the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. was interested in a campaign for freight advances in every part of the country.

This information caused a sensation and resulted at once in the commission's taking the examination of several witnesses out of the hands of the lawyers and conducting it themselves.

The furniture manufacturers of Grand Rapids, Mich., were on the stand protesting, apparently against the increase in rates. They had declared that if the freight charges in the official classification territory alone were raised it would make it impossible for them to do business in the territory where no advances were in force, in competition with the local manufacturers of that territory.

The Grand Rapids witnesses, however, said they were not opposed to the rates being increased all over the country equally, as it would put them under no disadvantage. At this point attorney Lyon, representing the commission, asked if the Michigan people were not here at the suggestion of George W. Perkins, a partner of J. P. Morgan. They said they were.

This development led to the disclosure that the house of J. P. Morgan & Co. was obviously using the Grand Rapids furniture makers to further a plan to raise the rates in the South and West, as well as in other sections. While they were before the commission protesting against the action of the railroads, the Michigan witnesses, by the questions of the lawyers, were placed in the position of advocating the very thing the railroads wanted.

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Furniture company detailed the conversation he had a month ago with Mr. Perkins. He had been recalled to the witness stand at the suggestion of Commissioner Clements, who was presiding. He said that he was in Washington a month ago and was introduced to Mr. Perkins, who had asked why the manufacturers had not considered the effect of the rate increases.

Mr. Perkins had declared, the witness said, that the railroads had had their mind set, that he was opposed to a one-sided consideration of the question, that he wanted all interests affected to tell the commission how they felt about the question, and that the furniture people of Grand Rapids, shipping goods all over the country as they do, should appear and be heard.

Acting upon this suggestion, Mr. Gay returned to Grand Rapids and arranged to have the furniture interests represented. He said, however, that Mr. Perkins had not suggested the position he and his friends should take, and had not proposed that they contend for a general advance South and West.

E. K. Pritchett, another Grand Rapids witness, said he had six letters and circulars from various sources in favor of and against the raise in rates. He said the only letter he had received advocating the proposed increases had come from the manufacturers of railroad supplies.

### LIVING ALSO HIGH IN GERMANY.

Socialists Ask the Government What It Will Do to Alleviate Conditions.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—The Reichstag reconvened yesterday. The Socialists announced two interpellations, one regarding recent speeches by the emperor and the other inquiring into the causes of the high prices of meat and what the government proposed to do to alleviate the conditions. The government apparently intends to lessen the strength of the socialist attack by modifying the restrictions upon meat importations. Important matters of legislation that will come up are the so-called "Quinquennale" or a law fixing the term of compulsory military service at five years, bills recasting and consolidating the state insurance systems; and a revision of the penal code.

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### SEVERAL TOWNS TAKEN

By the Insurgent Forces—Reputed Leader of the Rebels Now Believed to Be Near Coahuila.

Mexico City, Mexico, Nov. 23.—The government of President Diaz is face to face with a serious revolutionary movement. Francisco I. Madero, reputed leader of the rebels, is believed to be near his home in Coahuila. Monday three bodies of revolutionists attacked the military barracks at Orizaba, liberated and armed the prisoners.

Great difficulty is experienced in getting authentic reports from disturbed sections. The censorship is strict and in many instances the government has taken possession of the telegraph wires to the exclusion of at least of press dispatches.

In spite of this direct word from Coahuila, state of Vera Cruz, telling of severe fighting there, and from Guadalupe, state of Jalisco, reporting the movements of government forces, reached here yesterday.

The authorities minimize the gravity of the situation, but there is a general feeling of uneasiness at the capital. The attack was well planned and executed. The revolutionists, who numbered 300, divided their forces.

A group of 100 stationed on the summit of a nearby hill threw dynamite bombs into the barracks. When the soldiers fled from their quarters and charged their assailants the other party of 200 revolutionists attacked the prison. Battling down the guards and forcing an entrance, they liberated all of the prisoners and then armed them.

The 15th Mexican infantry charged the revolutionists and drove them back into the woods, after a hot fight that continued until 9 o'clock Monday night. The number of casualties cannot be learned.

During the fighting the 10th infantry from Mexico City and the 16th infantry from Vera Cruz reached the scene.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Nov. 23.—The Mexican revolutionists have captured the three chief towns in the rich Nazas river valley, Demos Palacio, Leordo and Torreon. The death toll is reported heavy at Torreon, where 1,000 revolutionists, armed with modern long-range guns, swept the city with a terrific fire for several hours. No Americans are reported killed.

This information was received here yesterday from what are considered thoroughly reliable sources.

The garrison of federal troops at Torreon surrendered, it is reported, only after their numbers had been depleted by more than one-half in dead and injured.

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After the garrison of nearly 300 federal troops at Gomez Palencia went over to the revolutionists, Monday a fast march was made to Torreon by at least 1,000 well-armed men. The artillery was soon placed in position on a hill overlooking the city and the big guns opened up. It is said that as soon as the garrison ran up the white flag the cavalry and infantry dashed into the city, took charge of all stores and public funds and new municipal officers were named.

Gen. Geronimo Trevino, at the head of two regiments of cavalry and infantry, left Monterey Monday night for Torreon and fierce fighting is expected in that city when they arrive.

Francisco Madero, leader of the anti-revolutionists was reported to be near Las Esperanza yesterday morning, en route with about 600 cavalymen to join the revolutionary forces at Torreon.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 23.—According to advices received yesterday morning, San Antonio, San Andres, Torreon, ranch, Minaca, Encillias, Guerrero and the surrounding country in the state of Chihuahua, were taken Monday night by revolutionists, who confiscated all stores and military equipment and surrounded all cattle and horses. Chihuahua is under martial law.

At Ascambaro, state of Guanajuato, Monday night, 300 men broke into the jail, set free the prisoners, looted the loan shops and confiscated all the arms and ammunition. They then went to the municipal offices and secured all the funds. They met the troops at midnight and in the fight 20 were killed and 80 wounded. The soldiers are now in possession and the revolutionists fled to the mountains.

It is reported that revolutionists attacked the town of Parral, in the state of Chihuahua, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning and were repulsed with a loss of 15 men. Three rurales are said to be badly wounded.

The town is poorly garrisoned and is thought bound to fall unless reinforcements arrive soon.



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### NEAR SOLUTION.

New York Police Unraveling Trunk Murder Mystery.

New York, Nov. 23.—With the police apparently convinced of the correctness of their theory that the body recently discovered after eight years' concealment in a zinc-lined trunk in a west side cellar is that of Albert Callier, a young French artist, who was a victim of the missing waiter in the case, William Lewis, it looked yesterday as if the trunk mystery were approaching a solution.

Deputy Police Commissioner Flynn expressed himself as convinced that his force of detectives was on the right track in the case, and believed that he knew the guilty man. He said an arrest might be expected within a day or two. It was in a trunk which bore the name of W. Lewis that the skeletonized body was found.

Whether the authorities have a clew to the whereabouts of Lewis could not be learned, but it was apparent that they believed it would be possible to trace him. Since the discovery of the fact that he disappeared on the day that he was to have married Miss Ellen Wright, a trained nurse, whose home is now near Ridgfield, Conn., the police have found a Mrs. Lucy Cook, who, with her husband, lived for several years prior to 1902 in a Sixty-third street apartment house in Lewis street and had rooms. She recalled that Lewis was frequently visited here by a French artist named Callier and that Lewis and Callier had quarreled and once came to blows. No one seems to have seen Callier of late years.

Miss Wright is quoted as declaring her belief that Lewis is dead. She had caused a prolonged search to be made for her missing fiancé and had not been able to secure the slightest trace of him since his disappearance in January, 1905.

### FOOD MADE MIDDLES ILL.

Cook and Steward Suspended Charged With Doctoring It.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 23.—Suspected of complicity in a malicious attempt to make as many of the midshipmen ill and thereby cast reflections upon the ability of the recently appointed chief cook, C. J. Ridgley, commissary steward and William Harris, second cook, both colored, have been suspended from duty and forbidden to enter the academy pending the completion of a rigid investigation.

Within the last few days more than a score of the midshipmen have been attacked with intestinal trouble and sent to the hospital. The investigation which is being conducted under the personal

supervision of Capt. Coontz, commandant, has practically narrowed down the cause of the sickness to the sugar used in the tea, coffee and desserts. Samples of the food have been sent to Washington for analysis.

### RINGBONES.

Dr. A. C. Daniels

This formation is found on the coronet, either on fore or hind feet, perhaps extending all the way around, like a ring, taking positions high up near the fetlock or close to the foot or hoof, sometimes right in front, or perhaps directly at the back of the coronet. The ringbone is easy of detection. The swelling is too prominent to escape notice. Should the ringbone be at the front, the swelling will probably be convex; at the coronet, a thick ring all around the foot; at the back, a small projecting bunch on the inside or perhaps outside the coronet. The ringbone comes from too hard work when young, bruises, blows and

sprains, accidents to tendons and ligaments also contribute. Calking and nails and puncturing the sole may be taken in as a cause of the ringbone, while heredity and transmission may no doubt be held in part, at least, responsible for the tending of some horses to ringbone. This fact should be noted in breeding. The lameness from ringbone is more apparent when the animal is cool. When he first starts out, he is quite lame, but, getting warmed up, the lameness seems to diminish, or even entirely disappear; but it shows itself again after rest or standing. A small ringbone situated under the tendons will cause more lameness than a very large one elsewhere, and, too, any sort of ringbone is more to be feared than splints, and the ringbone is another defect often so obscure in its manifestations as to preclude its being discovered for months after its origin. If by chance it were discovered by timely warning, simple remedies as suggested for early splint might be used to advantage, but in the general run of sidebone it has become fixed and the chance for easy dispersing is past; hence applications of hot water, a good absorbent repeated two or three times, possibly the firing iron, and last, but not always effective, neurotomy.

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